



COMPLETE SPECIFICATION,

Board for Playing Games.

I, JOHANNES JANSOHN, of No. 10, Hagenstrasse, Buer, Westphalia, Germany, of German nationality, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to boards for playing games of the nature of chess and draughts and has for its object to provide a new or improved board which may be used for playing chess or draughts or for playing a game partaking of the nature of both chess and draughts.

According to the invention the board is like an ordinary chess or draughts board having lines marked thereon to facilitate the draughts moves and provided with drawers arranged under the board on opposite sides thereof to facilitate the disposal of the men or pieces.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Fig. 1 shows the improved board viewed from below.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the board, the drawers being pulled out.

Fig. 3 shows on a smaller scale a cover for the board.

The board comprises 64 white and black chess-squares and is marked with lines for the game of combined chess and draughts symmetrically arranged, as shown in Figure 2, and having marked corner points and 8 neutral squares marked by circles.

The board has on the lower side a number of guide bars *b* arranged pairwise in which drawers *c* and *c'* are shiftably located. These drawers are separated into several compartments and serve, the larger ones *c*, for storing the pieces and men, the smaller ones *c'* for holding the pieces and chessmen taken during play.

The drawers might however be all of the same size, as indicated in Fig. 1 in dash lines, so that their apexes join at the center.

In this case all the drawers may be locked by a snap-lock at the center of the board, while in the first case each drawer has its own lock.

When the board *a* is of fine wood and highly polished or inlaid with mother-of-pearl, it is advisable to protect the same when it is not being used.

Fig. 3 shows a protecting cover of oil-cloth, rubber fabric or the like which may be used at the same time for locking the drawers. This cover *d* has corner pockets *e* designed to be pulled over the corners of the board *a*. Each of the four sides of the cover has a flap *f* with an eye, designed to be pulled down and to be buttoned over the handles of the drawers *c*, so that all the drawers are securely held by the cover.

The board may be used for playing chess or draughts or a game partaking of the nature of both chess and draughts. With the board are supplied 32 chessmen and 18 draughts pieces, and when the combined chess and draughts game is played all these pieces may be used, certain of the chessmen being convertible during the course of the game into draughts pieces and vice-versa. The four drawers under the board permit of storing the chessmen and draughts pieces separately. The drawers serve further as a base.

The squares on the board are as large as possible and the pieces must not be great, to facilitate observation. The observation is further facilitated when white and black riders are placed on the draughts-pieces.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A board for playing games partaking of the nature of chess and draughts comprising a board like a chess or draughts board having lines marked thereon substantially as shown in Figure 2 of the accompanying drawings and provided with drawers arranged under the board on opposite sides thereof for the purpose set forth.

2. A board for playing games partaking of the nature of chess and draughts as claimed in Claim 1 wherein certain of the squares on the board are distinguished

by circles marked thereon substantially as described.

3. A board for playing games partaking of the nature of chess and draughts
5 constructed, arranged and bearing markings substantially as described and as shown in the accompanying drawings.

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Fig. 1.

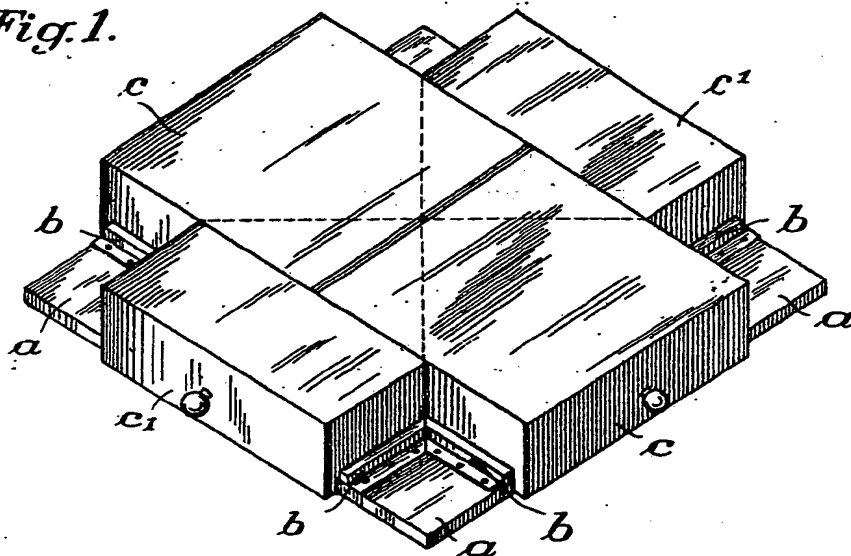


Fig. 2.

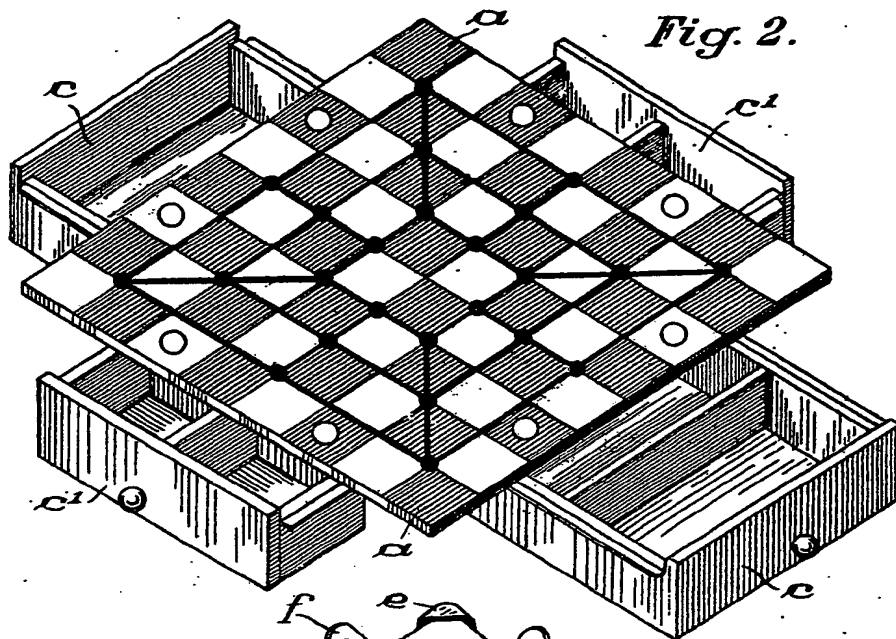
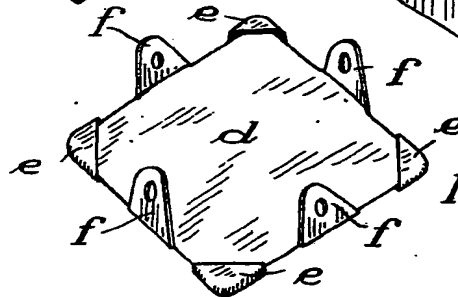


Fig. 3.



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